

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.  
JACOBY DICKENS

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Jacoby Dickens, who passed away this month at the age of 82. Jacoby was a prominent business leader, and served as Chairman of Seaway Bank & Trust Co., which is the largest black-owned bank in Chicago. He also served on the boards of Chicago State University, the School of Business at Florida A&M University, and the Chicago Urban League. He was a well-known philanthropist, and donated more than \$1 million to Chicago State University, where his name adorns the main athletic center.

Jacoby truly embodies the American dream, as his inspiring success story is rooted in the humblest of beginnings. He was one of six children, growing up in Panama City, Florida. His family moved to the South Side of Chicago in 1946. A teenager at the time, he attended Wendell Phillips High School.

Always possessing a knack for business, Jacoby began saving money while working as a building engineer. With these savings, he invested in real estate, and eventually purchased and managed a large number of apartment buildings in the South Side before selling his holdings in 1971. In time, he expanded his investments into other parts of Chicago, primarily investing in several bowling alleys. Seen as a financial up-and-comer, Seaway Bank & Trust Co. asked him to join their board in 1979. He became Chairman of the bank in 1983. Seaway was one of very few banks willing to provide loans in tough neighborhoods on the South Side, and saw Jacoby as a model of success for potential investments.

Building a half-billion-dollar organization, perhaps the most profound aspect of his legacy is his dedication to serving African-Americans in their community at a time when many were unwilling to take such risks. Countless businesses, families, and communities at large were positively impacted by his trust in people. Jacoby believed that people are equal and deserve the opportunity to better themselves. Originally only one of few black-owned banks in the city of Chicago, Seaway is now by far the largest and most successful.

Mr. Speaker, Jacoby Dickens was a dear friend of mine. He was a great American who gave back to his community and this nation. I am truly saddened by his passing. He will be dearly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Korean War, and to honor the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces during this tumultuous period in history.

Our nation will never be able to fully express the heartfelt gratitude we have for our

veterans. The debt that we owe them is immeasurable. Time and again, our service members have stepped forward to defend the freedoms we enjoy today. Without the selfless actions of the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and coast guardsmen in the Korean Peninsula, the nation of South Korea would never have blossomed into the model democracy and vital partner it is today. I sincerely thank every veteran of the Korean War for the essential role they played in ensuring democracy could take root in East Asia and for safeguarding America's allies.

American veterans are a cornerstone of society. Past generations helped build up this great country and did not hesitate to come to its aid when asked. As we remember their brave actions, it is my hope that citizens everywhere take time to speak with the veterans in their family and community. Thank them for their service, and ask them about their role defending our country. Helping veterans pass on their priceless wisdom and memories to future generations is one of the best ways we can honor them today.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating this 60th anniversary of the Korean War. I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in thanking our veterans, past and present, for the sacrifices they've made in service to the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district and missed the votes on Tuesday, April 23, 2013.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 118, H.R. 1067—To make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements, "yea" on rollcall No. 119, H.R. 1068—To enact title 54, United States Code, "National Park Service and Related Programs", and "yea" on rollcall No. 120, Journal Vote.

CONGRATULATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL OF SERVICE IN OUR ARMED FORCES

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere respect and appreciation to four high school seniors in Indian River County who have answered the call of service to enlist in the United States Army. I commend Dominick Lambino, Christopher Larson, Tomasz Cabaj, and Ryan Paris for their decision to protect and defend the United States of America.

These young men will be recognized on May 9, 2013, in a high school enlistee ceremony. Soon after enlisting, they will graduate high school. This will mark the beginning of their valiant service to our country as soldiers.

Many of the men and women who have served before them are now local and national leaders. As American citizen's privileged to live in liberty, these young men have learned how to appreciate freedom and will soon be handed the baton by the generations of warriors before them.

During this time of celebration and recognition, we should all salute the courage within Dominick, Christopher, Tomasz, and Ryan. For each soldier who has served our country, there exist many citizens, myself included, that benefit from their hard work. Many of my most esteemed colleagues in Congress served as members of our Armed Forces.

Let us not forget the challenges these soon-to-be soldiers and their families will face. We must not overlook the intensive training and challenges ahead. As a support group, mothers, fathers, siblings, and spouses will have to endure the challenging road ahead and act as the foundation where these young men can gain strength in difficult times. I have confidence they will accomplish all that is asked of them. The bottom line is that our Republic continues to thrive because of the call to duty these individuals and others before them have vowed to accept.

The men and women who serve our country as members of our Armed Services go above and beyond day in and day out. I commend Dominick, Christopher, Tomasz, and Ryan for their service to our community and nation.

HONORING JIM GRAYSON FOR OVER 35 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Jim Grayson for his 35 years of public service as a Carrollton Police Officer in Carrollton, Texas.

Jim Grayson was hired by the Carrollton Police Department on August 1, 1977, as a Community Service Officer with the responsibilities of organizing the equipment for the Patrol Division. On December 18, 1978, Jim was officially sworn in as a Carrollton Police Officer. He attended the North Central Texas Council of Government's Basic Police Academy and graduated on January 31, 1979.

On August 15, 1983, Jim Grayson was promoted to the rank of Sergeant whereupon he was assigned the task of assisting the development of the department's newly created Crime Prevention Unit. Jim's role in developing the program helped establish one of the police department's most effective and successful units.

As an officer committed to expanding and developing his skills, Jim Grayson attended the prestigious Northwestern University Traffic Institute's School of Police Staff and Command in Evanston, Illinois, where he graduated in 1986. Jim continued his education in 1991 when he graduated from the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

On January 29, 1987, Jim Grayson was promoted to the rank of Commander. In 1991, Jim was assigned the responsibility of starting